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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 6, relative to child custody and visitation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-301, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and by adding the following new language, to be designated as subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the driver license of a parent is currently canceled, suspended or revoked pursuant to title 55, chapter 10, part 4, or title 55, chapter 50, part 5, and if such parent personally drives a motor vehicle to the location where he or she is scheduled to take custody of a child pursuant to a valid order of visitation or parenting plan, then the parent or other person having custody of the child may refuse to turn over custody of the child under the circumstances and such refusal shall not constitute a violation of the terms of the visitation order or parenting plan.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-502, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the driver license of a parent is currently canceled, suspended or revoked pursuant to title 55, chapter 10, part 4, or title 55, chapter 50, part 5, and if such parent personally drives a motor vehicle to the location where he or she is scheduled to take custody of a child pursuant to a valid order of visitation or parenting plan, then the parent or other person having custody of the child may refuse to turn over custody of the child under the circumstances and such refusal shall not constitute a violation of subsection (a).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.